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Eric J. Holcomb
Governor

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

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Re: Public Records Request 19-18

Dear Mr. Kasper:

The Office of Governor Eric J. Holcomb (Governor's Office) received your request for the following:

All communication of Governor Eric Holcomb, Chief of Staff Earl Goode, Deputy Chief of Staff Cris Johnston, Deputy Chief of Staff Allison Karns, Debbie Hohlt between registered lobbyist Scott Pruitt, and representatives of RailPoint Solutions LLC, and representatives of Sunrise Coal. The timeframe of this request is limited to March 1, 2019 and the processing date of this request.

Initially, the Governor's Office notes that Allison Karns was not employed with the Governor's Office during the time period referenced in your request for records and it does not maintain Debbie Hohlt's email account, as she is a contractor. Accordingly, the Governor's Office's search for responsive records is limited to the following individuals: Governor Eric Holcomb, Chief of Staff Earl Goode, and Deputy Chief of Staff Cris Johnston.

As you may know, APRA requires a request for public records to be made with "reasonable particularity."¹ Indiana's Public Access Counselor ("PAC") has published numerous advisory opinions on reasonable particularity, which is necessary for an agency to accurately and efficiently locate and disclose records responsive to the request. Generally, the PAC advises that requests for e-mail correspondence include a specifically named sender and *recipient*, date range of less than six months, and search terms.² Currently, your request only identifies one sender/recipient, Scott Pruitt.

The Governor's Office notes that after a good faith search of its records for communications with Scott Pruitt, it is unable to locate any records. Please feel free to

¹ See Ind. Code § 5-14-3-3(a).

² Advisory Opinion of the Public Access Counselor 16-FC-128.

submit any additional specifically named *sender/recipients* from Railpoint Solution LLC and/or representatives of Sunrise Coal.

In light of the above, we have completed our response to this public records request and are closing our file at this time.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cynthia V. Carrasco

Cynthia V. Carrasco
Deputy General Counsel
Office of Governor Eric J. Holcomb